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SMALL THIEVES VS. BIG ONES

Now that those five small tools of the Sugar Trust are languishing in jail for their *voluntary* crimes to enrich that bloated swindler, the public are guessing how many thousand dollars have been paid them to keep their jaws shut so tight. "Subtraction, division and silence" used to come high! Yet these Sugar potentates solemnly swear they did not know a thing about it! Without their knowledge these wicked agents of theirs, have been for twenty years robbing the Government of many millions of dollars. Well, the Sugar Trust as a thief has been a huge success—as a liar it is a very poor one!

NEW COMMITTEES

President Dayett of the Levy Court has appointed the following committees for 1910:

Finance-Thompson, Dennison, Perkins, Elliott, Buckson.

Public Buildings-Dennison, Elliott, Thompson, Perkins, Buckson.

Printing and Stationery—Taylor, Dennison, Thompson, Elliott, Perkins.

Coroner and Physician—Dennison, Perkins, Buckson.

OverpaidTaxes—Elliott,Taylor,Thompson, Dennison, Buckson.

Attorney, Clerk and Sheriff—Elliott, Dennison, Thompson, Taylor, Perkins.

Approval of Bonds—Thompson, Elliott, Buckson.

Magistrates and Constables—Dennison, Buckson, Taylor.

Assessors and Inspectors—Taylor, Perkins, Buckson.

County Workhouse—Perkins, Taylor, Buckson.

Wilmington Hundred Bridges-Perkins, Dennison, Elliotts.

Revised Assesment Committees—First District-Second, Fourth, Sixth, Eighth and Ninth wards of Wilmington: Perkins, Dennison.

Second district—First, Third, Fifth, Seventh, Tenth, Eleventh and Twelfth wards: Dennison, Perkins.

Third district—Brandywine hundred and that portion of Christiana hundred lying north and bounded by the centre line of Lancaster turnpike: Elliott, Taylor.

Fourth district—Mill Creek, part of Christiana hundred: Taylor, Elliott.

Fifth district—White Clay Creek, Red Lion and New Castle hundreds: Thompson, Taylor.

Sixth district—Pencader and St. Georges hundreds: Dayett, Buckson.

Seventh district—Appoquinimink and Blackbird hundreds: Buckson, Dayett.

FEDERAL GRAND JURY

The following grand jurymen were drawn yesterday for the January term, 1910, of the United States District Court, for the district of Delaware, by J. Wilkins Cooch, United States jury commissioner, and W. G. Mahaffy, clerk of the court. They are to report on January 20th. The list follows:

Wilmington—James B. Clarkson, James L. Hawkins, Henry P. Triggs, Frank D. Lackey, Charles A. Rudolph, James C. O'Neil, Millard F. Davis and William P. White.

New Castle hundred—Patrick McGrory.

White Clay Creek—William H. Barton, Henry L. Churchman and William F. Smalley, Sr.

Brandywine—Frank J. Williams.

East Dover—Fred C. Phillips and Edward Paradee.

West Dover—Luther Seward.

Seaford—William J. Cannon.

Baltimore—L. W. Williams.

Lewes and Rehoboth—Charles H. Maull.

Nanticoke—Ezekiel H. Jones.

North Murderkill—George M. Fisher and George H. Perry.

Indian River—Jesse E. Joseph.

TUBERCULOSIS COMMISSION HAVE CAR

The Delaware State Tuberculosis Commission has leased from the P., B. & W. Railroad one of the large regular wooden day passenger coaches, which will be used by the commission throughout the State in the work of education. The seats in the car are being removed at the shops of the company. The car will be fitted with a dynamo and storage batteries by Garrett, Miller & Co., and will be furnished with light and heat from the batteries. The dynamo will be fitted to the axle of the car and will generate the electricity while the car is in motion. It will be fitted with cooking and sleeping apartments and no portion of the State will be missed where cars can go. It is the purpose of the commission to start very soon the work of educating the people in this manner to better their condition and preventing consumption.

CHANGE IN INAUGURATION DATE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—The passing of the historic fourth of March as a Presidential inauguration date and the fixing of the fourth Thursday of April in its place is provided for in a resolution ordered favorably reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary to-day. The resolution, action on which was unanimous, directs that hereafter the terms of the President, Vice President, United States Senators and Representatives in Congress shall begin on the final Thursday of April. This change is not to apply to the members of Congress until their present terms expire.

The action of the committee follows a general outcry against the holding of inauguration ceremonies in Washington at a time when inclement weather has been the rule and when a blizzard shutting off all communication with the outside world for a time marked the last inauguration.

[Communicated.]

A FEW QUESTIONS

MR. EDITOR:—Will you give me space in your paper to ask a few questions, which are both timely and true.

First. I would like to know why our efficient Town Commissioners have failed to clean off the crossings since the snow fell Thursday night? I have observed this thing very closely, and find only a few of them cleaned, and I am told they were cleaned by individuals who did the work themselves or paid someone out of their own pockets.

Second. Why did these same Commissioners compel everybody to clean their sidewalks and gutters after the last snow and then forget to have the slush removed from the crossings after Thursday night's storm?

Third. Now Mr. Commissioners, do you consider this good judgment? When you say to Mr. Brown, "you must remove the snow from your sidewalk in six hours after the snow ceases to fall or be fined," and the very next week fail to clean four inches of slush from our sidewalks?

OBSERVER.

BACK TO THE FARM

Nine hundred million dollars' worth of agricultural products were exported from the United States last year, according to the Bureau of Statistics in the Department of Commerce and Labor. Secretary Wilson says that the total value of our farm products for that year was $8,776,000,000, so that a little more than 10 per cent. of our farm products were sold abroad and the home consumers had to be content with the remaining nine-tenths.

This is a healthy condition, but doubtless helps to explain the high price of provisions in this country. Secretary Wilson thinks the high prices are due to the fact that there are too few farmers and too many distributers, too many young men rushing to the city, instead of staying home and tilling the soil.

If we are to supply Europe as well as America with food stuffs we must increase the number of farmers with the increase of our population, and if farming is made and continues sufficiently profitable there will be no lack of farmers. The poor reward of farming in the past have driven the farmer boys to other pursuits. There will be a cry of "back to the farm" as soon as it is clear that there is money in farming commensurate with the toil which it exacts from those whose livelihood is the cultivation of the soil.

ON THE DEATH OF EDWARD REYNOLDS

MIDDLETOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL,
January 3d, 1910.

At a meeting of the Board of Education, held this evening, the following resolution was adopted by the Board:

"This Board is grieved to learn of the death of our fellow-member, Edward Reynolds.

We desire to record here our appreciation of his sterling character and worth as a man, a citizen, a neighbor and a friend.

We recognize in his life an example of courage and perseverance. Cheerful, courteous and kind in the face of life's trials and disappointments, he unflinchingly set himself to the accomplishment of whatever task he found before him. He did his work and did it well.

In his death this Board has lost a valuable member and the community a real man and worthy citizen.

His sorrowing wife and daughters have in his memory a blessed heritage; for them we indite our sincerest sympathy and commend them to the keeping of Him, whose promise is sure and whose promise they have, "A bruised reed, He will not break."

JESSE L. SHEPHERD,
MARTIN B. BURRIS,
Committee.

CHESAPEAKE CITY

Miss Mary Lum is visiting friends in Baltimore.

Miss Elva Griffith spent Monday in Wilmington.

Revival meeting are being held in the M. E. Church.

Julius W. Clayton finished filling his ice house Monday.

Miss Ethel Ellison spent several days last week in town.

George K. Houck has accepted a position in Annapolis.

Mrs. Nathan Loveless was a visitor in Wilmington Monday.

Miss Lenore Lake was entertained by friends in town over Sunday.

Miss Mary Barwick has been visiting Miss Elizabeth Scott, in Elkton.

Mrs. William Borem and George Borem spent part of last week in Wilmington.

Miss Jennie Swing was the guest of Miss Elizabeth Cooling on Sunday.

Mrs. Charles Jones and Miss Pearl Jones were Baltimore visitors last week.

Miss Lillie Woolford, of Woolford, Md., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Ralph Rees.

Miss Lulu M. Bryson, of Middletown, was the guest of Miss Mamie Jefferson Sunday.

Mrs. William Howard and Miss M. E. Ferguson were Philadelphia visitors Monday.

Misses Esther Banks and Mary Barwick attended a dance in Newark Friday evening.

The St. Monica's Guild met at the home of Mrs. Bennett Steele Tuesday evening.

The senior class realized about twenty-four dollars from their box social Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Nowland, of near Dover, are visiting his mother, Mrs. Wilhelmina Nowland.

The Chesapeake City Band will hold a luncheon in Reed's Corner store Thursday and Friday evenings, January 13th and 14th.

CURRENT PRICES

MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET.

CORRECTED WEEKLY BY S. B. FOARD.

Wheat—No. 1	$1.19	Corn—	
No. 2		Yellow, shelled	70
Timothy Seed	$2.50	" cob	66
Clover Seed	.11¼	Oats	65

MIDDLETOWN PRODUCE MARKET.

CORRECTED WEEKLY BY W. T. CONNELLEE

Eggs, per doz	40@42
Country Butter, per lb	35@40
Creamery Butter, per lb	43
Lard, per lb	14@17
Live Chickens, per lb	14@16
Potatoes	35@45

CHAMP CLARK AS PROPHET

WASHINGTON, December 28,—"The present high prices for farm products have come to stay; the rural population is playing out; the present census, if it classes the unincorporated villages as towns, will show between 60 and 65 per cent. of the population living in towns," declared Representative Champ Clark, of Missouri, the minority leader in the House, today. At the present rate, in 20 years the United States will cease to be an exporting nation for agricultural products, except as to cotton.

One of the principal causes of the high prices of farm products is the world movement of people toward the towns and cities. While a few people in towns and cities have gardens and raise chickens and occasionally pigs, practically the entire town and city population are nonproducers of anything to eat, but are consumers only. For the first time, last year Argentina beat us in exporting corn, and Argentina and Brazil are now fixing to take the frozen meat trade from us. Until we adopt the intensive system of agriculture we have nearly reached our limit of agricultural output."

W. J. MAXWELL DEAD

After an illness of just one week, Post Office Inspector William J. Maxwell, probably one of the best-known men on the peninsula, died at his home, at the corner of Seventh and Van Buren streets, Wilmington, at ten minutes to 12 o'clock Thursday night.

Mr. Maxwell returned from Baltimore one week ago where he had been in connection with some official matter, and became ill that night. Pneumonia developed and for the past few days his condition had been critical. Early Thursday evening he appeared to be resting easily, and it was hoped that there was some improvement in his condition, but there came a sudden change for the worse.

Mr. Maxwell, who was in his sixty-fourth year, is survived by a son, John Maxwell, of Wilmington, and a daughter, Mrs. Lewis Hatton, of Raymondsville, Texas. Mrs. Maxwell died about eight years ago.

The deceased was a native of Wilmington and originally was engaged in the meat business there. He was chief of police under Mayor Allmond, and during the first term of President Grover Cleveland was appointed post office inspector, which position he has since filled.

TO STOP STOCK GAMBLING

Stock gambling in wheat, corn, cotton and other products of the farm will be prohibited hereafter, if recommendation, soon to be made to Congress by Mr. Taft, is enacted into law. The President is convinced that legitimate industry suffers from gambling in futures, and he believes a gullible public should be protected from this form of speculation.

Accordingly he has decided to urge Congress to adopt a law that will be as effective in dealing with stock gambling as was the law aimed at the sale of lottery tickets and the great concerns engaged in the business. The evil of stock gambling will form the subject of a conference soon to be held at the White House. The President is deeply interested and will make known his views on the question in a special message, or in a report on the bill soon to be introduced by Representative Scott of Kansas, chairman of the house committee.

SALES TO TAKE PLACE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26th, 1910.—Public sale of farm stock—horses and cattle—by Dan M. Cochran, Jr., at his residence on the "Burnham Farm," near Middletown.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8th, 1910.—Public sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by Lee Sparks, near Matthews' Corner.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10th, 1910.—Public sale of stock, farm implements, &c., by Alfred J. Davidson, near St. Georges. H. V. Buckson, auctioneer.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15th, 1910.—Public sale of stock, farming implements, &c., by Scott and Maloney, on the "Ellis Farm," near Townsend. W. H. Reynolds, auctioneer.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16th, 1910.—Public sale of stock, farm implements, &c., by C. M. Cochran, on the "Cochran Grange Farm," one mile west of Middletown.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22d, 1910.—Public sale of stock, farming implements, &c., by C. M. Cochran, on the "Beechwood Farm," 1½ miles from Middletown.

M. E. Conference

Preparations are being made for the coming session of the Wilmington Methodist Episcopal Conference, which convenes in the M. E. Church, at Salisbury, Md., on Wednesday morning, March 16th, and it will mark the first visit to this conference of Bishop John W. Hamilton, who will preside over the sessions.

Large Public Sale
TO SETTLE UNDIVIDED
Personal Property!

To settle an undivided estate, the undersigned will sell at Public Sale, at his residence, on the "Burnham Farm" on the road from Armstrong's Corner to Odessa.

Wednesday, Jan. 26, '10

At 12 o'clock, noon,

The following Personal Property, to wit:

TWENTY HEAD OF

Horses, Colts, Mules

No. 1. Mrs. Nellie, bay mare, 11 years old; sired by Nutwood Prince, first dam The Banshee, by Bronson, (registered) second dam, Maggie, by Legatee, a thoroughbred; third dam by a son of Geo. M. Patchen; 4th dam by Madison Hunter, thoroughbred; fifth dam by Bellefounder, in foal by Barnett B., 2 06½; dam of R. T. C., record of 2.14½ This is the best mare I ever owned, sound, and gentle in all harness.

No. 2. Alice Cochran, bay mare, 2 years old, partly broken, own sister to R. T. C., by Prince March, dam No. 1. This is the best prospect I know of, sound.

No. 3. Tiddley Winks, brown horse, 6 years old, half brother to R. T. C., by Midnight Bells (registered), dam No. 1 Has considerable speed, and the best family horse I ever owned.

No. 4. June, bay mare, yearling, sired by Dignus Brook, dam No. 1.

No. 5. Jeane C., bay horse, 9 years old by Red Cedar, half brother to No. 1, sound and all right, a good one.

No. 6. Susie, bay mare, 9 years old, by Sanborn, in foal to N. J. Williams' horse, a good family mare, sound, kind and gentle.

No. 7. Jack, sorrel horse, 5 years old, by Prince March. This horse is thoroughly broken to drive and work, sound and kind.

No. 8. John, gray colt, 3 years old, by the J. W. Carrow horse, one of the best I ever saw, broken to drive and work.

No. 9. Gray Colt, 2 years old, unbroken sound, full brother to No. 8.

No. 10. Dusty, bay colt, 3 years old, broken to all harness, a good worker and driver, sound and gentle.

No. 11. Gray Colt, 2 years old, unbroken, sired by Concord, thoroughbred, son of Longfellow, dam Sweetheart. Should make a good one.

No. 12. Helen, chestnut mare, 3 years old, unbroken, by Concord, sire of No. 11, sound and kind.

No. 13. Maud, bay mare, 2 years old, full sister to No. 12, sound and all right.

No. 14. Sweetheart, gray mare, 8 years old, by Sanborn, dam the Rhoades mare. There may be better but I do not know of them.

No. 15. Jane, bay mare, 4 years old, well broken and a good worker.

No. 16. Sherman, sorrel horse, 12 years old, one of the best all around horses in the neighborhood.

No. 17. Fanny, roan mare, 11 years old, and all right, a most excellent worker in all harness.

No. 18. Polly, gray mare, 13 years old, a good worker any where you put her.

No. 19 Unit, bay weanling colt, sired by No. 8, dam No 12.

No. 20. One odd Mule, 5 years old, a most excellent worker, home-raised.

TWENTY HEAD OF

Milch Cows and Heifers

All home-raised and good milkers, Jersey, Holstein and Short-horns; 1 Thoroughbred Holstein Bull, yearling. These cattle are well worth the attention of dairymen. Inspection of stock before day of sale cordially invited.

Terms of Sale.

Seven months credit will be given by purchaser giving bankable note with approved endorser, interest added. 3 per cent, will be allowed for cash. No stock to be removed until terms of sale are complied with.

DAM M. COCHRAN, Jr.

NOTICE—DIVIDEND!

THE CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK
OF MIDDLETOWN DEL.
January 4th, 1910.

The Board of Directors have this day declared a semi-annual Dividend of THREE (3) PER CENT. clear of Taxes, payable to the stockholders on and after January 15th, 1910.

JNO. S. CROUCH, Cashier.

NOTICE—DIVIDEND!

NEW CASTLE COUNTY NATIONAL BANK
OF ODESSA, DEL.,
January 5th, 1910.

The Directors have this day declared a Semi-Annual Dividend of Three and One-half per cent., (3½) clear of taxes, payable on and after the 12th inst.

JOS. L. GIBSON, Cashier.

FIRE INSURANCE
Town Property, Farm Buildings, and Stock
TORNADO INSURANCE
Insure now against damage from wind storms
Life and Accident Insurance
GEORGE D. KELLEY,
Middletown, Del

BURSTAN'S
POPULAR CORNER STORE

Stock-Taking Sale!

Next week we will hold our annual stock-taking sale. As we would rather count cash than stock, our goods will be sold at great sacrifices during this sale. We have a few lots of Ladies', Men's and Children's Clothing, which we will close out at especially low prices. Here is evidence that we will sell goods at low prices:

Men's $10 and $12 Overcoats, $6.00.
Men's $5 and $8 Overcoats, $4.00.
Ladies' Sirts, were $2 and $3, at $1.75.
Ladies' $8 and $10 long black Coats, $5.50.
Ladis' $15 Coat Suits, $9.00.
Children's Norfol Suits, sizes 3 to 8, were $2.50, $1.50.
Boys' $3.50 Suits, at $2.50.
Girls Coats, were $2 50 and $3.00, at $1.50
Girls all wool shirts, were $3.00, at $1.75

S. BURSTAN, CORNER BROAD AND MAIN STS
MIDDLETOWN, DELAWARE

CECILTON

They are having steam heat put in Zion M. E. Church.

Miss Annie Rickards, of Philadelphia, is visiting Miss Mollie Rickards.

Mrs. William G. Jones and daughter, Miss Helen, spent Sunday in town.

Oldham Davis was called home from Elkton by the illness of his father.

Messrs. Julian Smith and Millard Taylor are visiting friends in Philadelphia.

Miss Martha Vandegrift has been the guest of Mrs. Harry Clark, near Earleville.

Miss Marion Clark, of Washington, D. C., has been visiting her parents near town.

Mrs. John Starr, of Baltimore, is spending sometime with her daughter, Mrs. R. M. Black.

Mr. Naylor Davis, who was stricken with paralysis one day last week, is no better at this writing.

Master Lewis Price spent Saturday and Sunday with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Dushane, near Earleville.

Mr. Samuel G. Loller and Miss Laura V. Cochran, both of Earleville, were married at the M. E. Parsonage Wednesday afternoon.

TOWNSEND

Mr. William Money was in Wilmington on Tuesday.

Mr. Walter Lee, of near Smyrna, was in town on Wednesday.

Mrs. Roland Reynolds spent Wednesday with her sister at Clayton.

Mr. Howard Cane, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with friends here.

Miss Arrelee Lattomus visited friends in Newark last Friday and Saturday.

Miss Larent, of White Haven, Pa., spent Sunday with Mrs. Elma Whitehouse.

Mrs. Richard Hodgson and Mrs. F. C MacSorley spent Tuesday in Philadelphia

Miss Julia Wells is spending sometime with friends and relatives in Philadelphia.

The W. C. T. U. was entertained at the home of Mrs. Mary E. Money on Monday afternoon.

Miss Ethel V. Lee spent part of last week with friends in Wilmington and Philadelphia.

Miss May Wells was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. George Loper, in Wilmington, several days last week.

Mrs. Mary Money and daughter, Miss Mary, spent Tuesday and Wednesday with friends in Smyrna.

JAMES J. ROSS, President — WM. DENNEY, Secretary and Treasure

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Kent County Mutual Insurance Co.,
DOVER, DEL.

Insures Property Against Fire and Lightning
BUSINESS CONDUCTED ON THE MUTUAL SYSTEM
Has Returned to its Policy-Holders in Dividends and Surrendered Policies over $500,000.00
Present Membership Over Eight Thousand, With Over
$11,000,000.00 INSURANCE IN FORCE

AGENTS
W. A. JESTER, Agent, Delaware City Del. D. B. MALONEY, Agent, Townsend, Del
AGENTS IN ALL THE PRINCIPAL TOWNS.

Let Us Estimate on Your **Job Printing.**

ANNUAL CLEARANCE SALE

of our

Entire Surplus STOCK

300 yds. of Fancy Belting
All desirable and the very latest colors. This belting has never been sold for any less than 25c a yard. During this sale we will sell this for **10c a belt.**

All our 40c and 50c Ribbons to be sold at 20c yd.
During this sale only. Plain colors, plaids and stripes in the lot.

THE Greatest Sale ever inaugurated in this town and vicinity will begin on SATURDAY, JANUARY 15th, and will continue until the last of this month. This bargain sale will be held in order to keep our store busy during the dull season. As you all know, this is a busy store all the time. Our last year January Clearance Sale eclipsed in magnitude and value giving. Most of our patrons bought even more than they expected to. They bought because they found we were offering better values even than we advertised. The very best quality of merchandise at cheap prices, saving thousands of dollars for those who took advantage of the many special values offered. This year's will positively surpass last year or any other reduction sale ever held in our store. I am going to offer the most extraordinary bargains you will ever have an opportunity of sharing in. Cost, retail selling prices—and profits will be lost sight of at this sale. A great many articles will be marked to sell at less than factory cost. We will give you here only a few of the many bargains you will find at this sale, as you positively must come yourself to be convinced of the many dollars that you can save during this sale.

MILLINERY DEPARTMENT

We will sell the balance of our trimmed hats in stock for less than cost of material. All our millinery trimmings are reduced to half price.

$ 3.00 hats reduced to	$1.48	2.00 Ostrich feathers	.98
10.00 hats	3.75	Our $1.50 wings, all colors	.75
$ 5.00 hats at	$2.25	4.00 and $5.00 Ostrich feathers	1.75
12.00 and $15.00 hats at	4.98	All our $1.00 wings at	.39

Other items too numerous to mention are here reduced to less than halt.

Ladies' Suits and Coats,

	Former Price	Sale Price
Ladies' Suits	$13.50	$ 8.00
Ladies' Suits	16.50, 18.00	10.00
Ladies' Coats	4.00	1.98
Ladies' Coats	6.00	2.50
Ladies' Coats	7.00	3.50
Ladies' Coats	10.00	5.00
Child's Caracul Coats	8.00	4.50

Furs,

$10.00 Scarfs	$5.00
7.00 "	3.50
3.75 "	1.98
3.00 Muffs	1.98
4.00 "	2.50
8.00 "	4.75
1.50 Children's Wash Dresses	.98

Skirts and Waists

$3.00 Bl. Taffeta Silk Waists	$1.98
4.50 " " " "	2.50
3.50 Net Waists	1.98
2.00 plaid stripes Ch. silk waists	.98
1.50 Bl. sateen sample petticoats	.98
3.50 Child's bear skin coats	1.98
3.00 Child's cloth coats	1.98

Women's cloth princess dresses, beautifully braided, in all wool material, all colors and sizes. They are all $10.00 value, sale price **$5.00.**

Ladies' and Misses' Skirts

Here is one of the greatest money saving opportunities that you have ever seen or had in your life. Ladies' and Misses' Skirts made of strictly all wool materials, all this year's samples, made in the very latest styles.

$4.00, $5.00, $6.00 Ladies' skirts, during this sale **$2.50**
$3.00, $4.00, $5.00 Missse's " " " " **$1.98**

Ladies' House Dresses

50 Ladies' house dresses made of blue chambray, gingham, percale and seersucker. The regular price of these dresses was $1.50. Special for this sale **89c.**

A lot of white bedspreads large size, heavy weight. Value $1.25, sale price	75c
Ladies' and Misses' coat sweaters, 50c kind at	39c
Children's sweaters with pockets 50c kind	39c
Ladies' 50c underwear	39c
Ladies' 35c underwear	25c
Ladies' $1.00 wrappers at	85c
Ladies' 35c flannel petticoats	23c
Ladies' 50c flannel petticoats	39c
Ladies' 75c union Suits	39c
15c towels at	10c
25c towels at	12½c
Wash rags at	3c each
75c sheets, 81x90 inches	50c
12 1-2c pillow cases	10c
35c bolster cases	25c

Children's 75c Tam's shanters all colors at	45c
75c little boys' cloth hats all colors at	45c
Ladies' $3.00 sweater coats in grey and white at	$1.98
35c and 50c children's caps each	19c
$6.00 all-wool blankets	$3 75
$1.50 blankets	85c
85c blankets, white and grey	45c
75c white long infant dresses	39c
98c white long infant dresses	65c
25c oxidized belt pins	5c
25c hair barrettes	10c
$3.00 bed spreads at	$1.75
75c extra large turkish towels	35c
25c children's flannel dresses	19c
25c ladies' outing flannel petticoats.	15c

All our W. B. Corsets will be sold during sale at 10 per cent. less than the regular price. If you want to be well dressed and feel comfortable you must wear a W. B. Corset. The only perfect fitting corset in the country.

NOTE.—If you want to take advantage of this money saving opportunity you must come early. Don't forget the date from Saturday, January 15th to Saturday, January 29th.

Ladies' 10c Handkerchiefs at 2c each
Some trimmed with embroidery edgings.

A. FOGEL
Middletown, Delaware

LADIES' KNIT SHAWLS in black and white. They have never been sold for less than 50c. Sale price **25c.**

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Mails Close as Follows.

Going North—7.25 a. m., 10.05 a.m., 4.05 p.m. 6.00 p. m. and 8 p. m.

Going South—8.00 a.m., 4.15 p. m., and 9 p.m

For Odessa—75.0 a. m., 8.30 a. m. 11.30 a. m., 4.50 p. m.

For Warwick, Cecilton and Earlville 9.20 a. m, and 4.45 p. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., JAN. 15, 1910

Local News

Skating!
Harvesting ice!
Coal man is happy!
Furnace source of good cheer!
New Year resolutions laid away!
Everybody has a cold. Even the weather is inclined to be that way.

If you want Pure Buckwheat Flour you can get it at EVANS' EXCHANGE.

Dr. J. Allen Johnson will examine your teeth and give estimate without charge.

Call and see our school shoes before buying elsewhere, you can save money.
MRS. G. W. PETERSON.

FOR RENT.—Two houses and one stable on West Main street, opposite National Hotel. Possession given 25th March next. G. E. HUKILL.

AT BRAGDON's—Try a box of Reynolds Candy Co.'s Butter Cups, 25c. You never knew finer candies.

Cash sale of personal property, January 20th, 1910, on farm tenanted by Irvin B. Fretz, near Coldwell.

Letters of administration upon the estate of the late Charles H. Howell have been granted to his son, Mr. Henry D. Howell.

We have all sorts of Dairy Feeds on hand, and at low prices compared to the present markets. Let us have your orders. MIDDLETOWN FARMS, Inc.

FOR RENT.—Store and dwelling at Mt. Pleasant. Possession given at once. Apply to T. E. CLAYTON, Mt. Pleasant, Del.

The program for the New Century Club on Tuesday includes: "Courtship of Miles Standish," read by Club members, Mrs. Cuthbert S. Green, Chairman.

Wide-awake Bargain sale starts on Monday next. 5000 pieces of tin and enamel ware. 300 specials at 10c. each. Don't miss this sale. MRS. G. W. PETERSON.

FOR SALE—A Franklin open grate fire place furnace with extra set of bricks; in perfect order. Will be sold cheap apply to W. S. Letherbury or R. L. Price

AT BRAGDON's—Chocolate Straws—30c the pound. Crisp outside, chocolate filling, made by the Reynolds Candy Co., Wilmington.

WANTED.—5000 Common or Homer Pigeons. Pay at least 25cts. pair, get my prices for guinea fowls and live rabbits. Prompt return. No commission deducted. L. B. GILBERT 1128 Palmer street, Philadelphia.

We have in STORAGE several hundred tons of HIGH GRADE LEHIGH and BITUMINOUS COAL. You don't have to place your order before-hand as it is ALWAYS IN STOCK. We have just added to our yard a nice lot of SAWED WOOD. Phone 5. JESSE L. SHEPHERD.

AT BRAGDON's—Packages of Assorted Chocolates and BonBons, the famous 60c, 40c and 25c candies of the Reynolds Candy Co., of Wilmington.

After October first, the Library hours will be as follows: Tuesday, 3.30 to 5; Fridays, 7 to 8.30; Saturdays, 3 to 5. The Library will be open on Tuesday evenings, from 7 to 8.30, for school children exclusively.

Constantly on hand, *all sizes* of the *Best Veins* and *best prepared Hard Coal*, for Heaters, Ranges and Cook Stoves. Clean and full weight. Prompt delivery at lowest prices. Also *Cord Wood* sawed to stove length, $2.00 for cartload. If you have not been using our coal, try it and be happy. G. E. HUKILL.

The members of Forest Presbyterian Church will hold a sociable at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. McWhorter on next Friday evening, January 21st. An entertaining program will be given, and all are invited. A silver offering will be taken at the door.

Unclaimed Letters—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending December 30th: Miss Annie Bell, Miss Mary Blackson, Miss Agnes Dorse, Bessie Johns, Lefena Smith, Mr. Reroy Lewis, Mr. George Wordes, To the Editor The Middletown Herald, Mrs Leslie Cochran.

E. H. Beck, Real Estate Broker, has sold the farm belonging to Robert E. Waters containing 115 acres, to James J. Marker for $3,700. Also has sold the dwelling belonging to Mrs. Emma Webb, on East Main street, to Mr. Thomas W. Truitt for $1,500.

Many of the local ice houses have been filled during the past few days. The ice is the heaviest that has been harvested in this section for many years, measuring from 10½ to 11 inches, but the top is covered with two inches of frozen snow.

Don't scold your wife if she stands half the forenoon talking with her neighbors over the back fence. She is getting the news. Have THE TRANSCRIPT sent to your home regularly this year and the hunger for news will be satisfied. Then she'll have dinner ready on time and your hunger will be satisfied.

If the editor of the average paper were to snap at all inducements held out he would soon become a millionaire. If he ran a paper according to the popular notion he would be in the poor house. If he published all the items that were sent to him he would be in jail half the time and in the hospital the other half.

The members of the New Century Club have just given their Christmas gift to the Middletown Library. The gift includes a number of Washington Irving's works, these completing the part of a set given last Christmas, and a history of Rev. Sheldon Jackson and his work in Alaska. The Library Committee has purchased a number of works of fiction, which have been placed on the shelves of the Library. The list includes: "Anne of Avonlea," Montgomery; "My Soldier Lady," Durley; "Old Lady No. 31," Forsslund; "The Son of Mary Bethel," Barker; "Old Rose and Silver," Myrtle Reed; "The Land of Long Ago," E. C. Hall; "Michael Thwaite's Wife," Michelson; "The Calling of Dan Matthews," Wright; "The Attic Guest," Knowles; "The Goose Girl," Macgarth; "Little Sister Snow," Frances Little; "The Silver Horde," Rex Beach.

AT BRAGDON's—Try a box of Reynolds Candy Co.'s Butter Cups, 25c. You never knew finer candies.

Letters of administrations on the estate of the late Edward Reynolds have been granted to his son-in-law, D. P. Barnard, of Wilmington.

The continued high prices of butter and eggs are worrying the housewife these days. Eggs are selling at 42 cents per dozen, while butter is quoted from 40 to 43 cents per pound.

Another snow fell in this section Thursday night adding about four or five more inches of snow to the already white sheet which fell on Christmas day.

Miss Eugenia Beasten, who was assistant to the late Edward Reynolds for seven years, has been appointed town treasurer to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Reynolds.

A. Fogel announces a sweeping reduction sale on another page of this issue. Read what he is offering you and a visit to his store will convince you that every article offered is a real bargain.

Very best makes in men's, women's and children's shoes. Bought for spot cash. Sold on 10 per cent. profit. Call and see what you can save in buying shoes here. MRS. G. W. PETERSON.

Feed the birds! Reports come that they are starving on account of the heavy snow. If our farmers and town people would throw them food now and then it will save many of our song and game birds perishing.

Cards have been received here announcing the marriage of Miss Anna Virginia Racine to D. William Wright, of Summit Bridge, December 23d. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Mary E. Racine, of St. Augustine, Maryland.

AT BRAGDON's—Chocolate Straws, 30c the pound, made by the Reynolds Candy Co., Wilmington.

Last Thursday every pedestrian on the streets of Middletown seemed to be attending strictly to his own business. The sidewalks were so glassy that it required some skill to stand and walk erect. Many travelers took the middle of the road in preference to trying conclusions with paved walks.

A musicale will be given at the New Century Club on Tuesday afternoon, January 25th, at 2.30 o'clock. Mrs. Edward Barnham, of Wilmington, on the cornet and Mrs. John P. Cann, vocal selections, will be among the features of the program. The public is invited to be present. A silver offering at the door.

With a membership of 61 editors of country papers throughout the State, the Maryland Press Association was formed Wednesday of last week, at a meeting at the Hotel Rennert, Baltimore. The organization has no political significance, but was formed to further the business interests of the county newspapers.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Citizens National Bank, held at the banking house on Tuesday, the following board of directors was elected for the ensuing year: Joseph Biggs, Jacob B. Cazier, Sewell C. Biggs, Charles S. Elason, George V. Peverley, Jesse L. Shepherd, Nathaniel J. Williams, Henry L. Davis, Anthony H. Johnson, Charles M. Cochran and John S. Crouch. The officers of the bank were all re-elected.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Peoples National Bank, held at the banking house on Saturday last the following board of directors was elected for the ensuing year: Geo. M. D. Hart, Thomas C. Cruikshank, Z. A. Pool, J. Frank Eliason, George L. Townsend, Charles H. Salmon, Jefferson B. Foard, Richard T. Cann, Frederick Brady and John F. Ernest.

An attempt was made by some one to enter the grocery store of Miss Mary Maloney at the corner of Broad and Lake streets about 12.30 o'clock last Sunday morning, but the thief was frightened away by Miss Maloney who heard the noise and called her brother. The thief who smashed one of the large glass windows in front of the building, was frightened off by calls, and made a hasty retreat out North Broad street without securing anything from the window.

All subscribers to this paper are requested to look at the address slip on their papers. If your paper is dated January, '09, it means that your subscription is paid up to January, 1909, the first two figures of the year being omitted so that we can get the entire address and date in one line. If your paper is dated August, '10, it means that your paper is paid for to August, 1910. Dollar bills may be sent by ordinary mail with little or no danger of loss. Please do not neglect attending to your subscription account.

AT BRAGDON's—You never knew how good candy could be made, unless you have eaten that of the Reynolds Candy Co., Wilmington. Visit our store and try it.

The blowing of the fire whistle at six o'clock Friday morning, caused many of our people to rise earlier than usual, but the fire was put out before the firemen arrived. The fire was discovered on the south side of the old shirt factory building on the East end of Anderson street by Mr. William Hall, and as the flames had ignited in the boiler room of the building it is the opinion of many that someone set the building on fire.

A number of our young people have organized a music club, the object being to bring together in a social way those who are lovers of music, and if possible, develop a Choral Society. They propose to have a suitable place for rehearsals, vocal and instrumental. They will hold a rummage sale soon for their benefit. The weekly meetings are well attended. In past years many efforts have been put forth to organize a society of this kind, but have failed. We trust this will be a success.

The numerous friends of Miss Eugenia Beasten will be glad to learn of her appointment as Secretary and Treasurer of the Delaware branch of the Reading Mutual Fire Insurance Co., and agent for the Mutual Fire Insurance Co., of Chester County, for all Delaware south of the Chesapeake and Delaware canal, made vacant by the death of Mr. Edward Reynolds. Miss Beasten has been Mr. Reynolds' efficient assistant for several years and is fully qualified to perform the duties of her office. She has already bonded and entered upon the discharge of her duties, and will occupy the same office as did Mr. Reynolds in the post office building, where she will be glad to see all of the former patrons of these well known fire insurance companies.

AT BRAGDON's—Packages of Assorted Chocolates and Bon Bons. The famous 60c, 40c and 25c candies of the Reynolds Candy Co., of Wilmington.

The annual election of officers for the coming year at the Forest Presbyterian Sunday School was held on Wednesday evening, with the following result: Superintendent, J. Fletcher Deakyne; Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Jacobs; Secretary, John J. Hoffecker Jr.; Treasurer, George D. Kelley; Organist, Miss Blanche Deakyne; Pianist, Miss Prudence Lewis; Superintendent Primary Department, Miss Eugenia Beasten; Assistants, Mrs. S. E. Lewis and Mrs. J. C. Stites.

AT BRAGDON's—Butter Creams—A crisp molasses jacket filled with delicious cream. Try a pound at 25c. These are one of the many kinds of delicious candies made by the Reynolds Candy Co., Wilmington.

On Wednesday night District President Harry H. Hilyard, of Middletown, visited Washington Camp, No. 11, P. O. S. of A., of Odessa, and installed the following officers for the ensuing term: Past President, Robert Douglas; President, W. W. Rose; Vice President, Frank Gremminger; Master of Forms, Lemuel Harris; Conductor, Marshal Thornton; Secretary, G. E. Rhoades; Treasurer, Joseph R. Heldmyer; Inspector, Leslie Morgan; Guard, Frank Massey; Chaplain, Nathaniel Satterfield; Trustee, Harry Ward; Sentinels, Percy Wallace, Fennimore Douglas, Pierson Stevens and Emory Thornton.

OBITUARY

ABRAM S. MOORE

Abram S. Moore died on Sunday at his home near Porter's, aged ninety years. His funeral was held Wednesday; interment at Glasgow.

RICHARD M. CARROW

Richard M. Carrow, thirty-five years old, formerly Elkton agent of the Prudential Insurance Company, drank carbolic acid on a Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington Railroad train bound for Baltimore on Saturday evening and died en route. He left a note, in a book found in his pocket, requesting that his father, R. C. Carrow, of Camden, Del., be notified in the event of his death.

GEORGE C. MOTE

George C. Mote, aged forty-seven years, a prosperous farmer of near Newark, hanged himself in his barn on Sunday. His brother found his body, which was still warm when he cut it down. He had been melancholy since the death of his father several years ago.

PERSONALITIES.

Miss Mary C. Gill spent last Saturday in Philadelphia.

Rev. W. H. Hutchin spent last week with his sister in Cambridge, Md.

Mr. Elwood Griffenberg, of Wilmington, called at our office on Tuesday.

Rev. and Mrs. F. H. Moore spent part of this week with relatives in Philadelphia.

Messrs. Norman Gill and John Voshell, of Philadelphia, were guests of relatives here over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Merritt N. Fisher, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Beasten.

Mrs. Edward Reynolds will leave town this week for Wilmington, where she will spend an indefinite time with her daughter, Mrs. D. P. Barnard.

Rev. Dr. Martin, of Chestertown, Md., spent several days of this week with Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Bragdon.

Mrs. H. W. Pharo has returned home, after spending several weeks with her daughter in Camden, N. J.

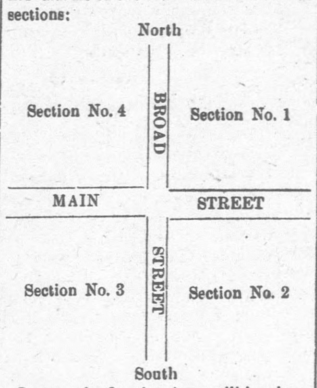
Mr. Frank P. Bradley who has been very ill with typhoid fever for several weeks, is improving slowly.

Frank, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. George S. Richards is confined to his bed with typhoid fever.

It is with much regret we chronicle the illness of Mr. Garret Ellis, who was taken to the Delaware Hospital in Wilmington Thursday afternoon. Mr. Ellis was stricken with paralysis Tuesday afternoon, and his condition is very critical at this writing.

MIDDLETOWN'S FIRE ALARMS

The following diagram represent the fire alarms of the town divided into four sections:



In case of a fire the alarm will be given for the different sections as follows:

Section No. 1. Long blows of the whistle.
Section No. 2. Two short blows repeated.
Section No. 3. Three short blows repeated.
Section No. 5. Four short blows repeated.

ODESSA

Mrs. C. H. Appleton is the guest of friends in Delaware City.

Mr. W. W. Rose was a Philadelphia visitor this week.

Mr. D. W. Corbit is a Wilmington visitor this week.

Miss Grace Bingnear is spending sometime with friends in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Sophia Gremminger is visiting relatives in and near Delanco, N. J.

Mrs. Mary J. Niles, of Wellsboro, Pa., is the guest of her son, Dr. J. N. Niles, this week.

Miss Ella Berry has returned home, after a pleasant visit with relatives in Philadelphia.

Miss Francis Austin, of near Townsend, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Joseph Heller, several days last week.

The Ladies' Home Missionary Society was entertained on Wednesday evening last at the home of Mrs. Rachel Mailley.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Demerest, of Delanco, N. J., returned home Thursday last, after a pleasant visit with relatives here.

Miss Margaret McCoy returned Monday to Cambridge, Md., after a few weeks visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McCoy.

Mr. Raymond Nelson, who has been spending sometime with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cannon, near town, has returned to his home in Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Oakley Vinyard, of Jersey City, N. J., returned to her home on Thursday last, after a pleasant visit here, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Theodore Long, who will spend sometime in Jersey City.

The regular monthly business meeting of the Brotherhood of St. Pauls M. E. Church, will be held on Thursday evening, January 27th. After business a social will follow for the members of the Brotherhood and their friends.

WHAT A DOLLAR IS

"What is a dollar, anyhow?" The question is an easy one to answer. A dollar is what some people promise to pay for their country paper. It is something a newspaper man enjoys more in anticipation than in reality. It is the price of a day's work for some men and a single night's drink for others. It is what a wife frequently needs, but seldom has. It is the power that makes or unmakes men. It is the hardest thing to get and the easiest thing to get rid of known to mankind. It is a blessing in a small measure and a curse in many instances. It is mighty and scarce. No man ever had more than he wanted and no man ever will. A dollar is a snare and a delusion, and every one of us are chasing the delusion.

Reynolds Candy Co.

WILMINGTON

Announces to the people of Middletown and vicinity that our Delicious Candies are now for sale by

BRAGDON & CO.

Middletown, Delaware

Through Stock Taking

Now for our Clean up Sale; big bargains all over the store. 25 per cent.—¼—off Heavy Suits, Overcoats and Trousers. We have too many of them—all sizes—for Men and Boys. Broken sizes and small lots in our ½ Price Sale Suits that were $15, $20, $25 and $40, now just ½. Big values in Men's Suits, at $7.50 and $8.50—all Worsteds Blue Serges, Blue and Fancy Mixtures, in Greys and Browns. The new Presto and Military Collar Overcoats, $12, $15 and $20, now ¼ off. Heavy Shoes ¼ off, and a lot of single pairs at ½ price, and your size may be the very one among them. Everything in full Dress, Tuxedo and Prince Albert Suits for special occasions. Come and see us, we will save you money.

MULLIN'S MEN'S STORE
WILMINGTON

HOW'S THAT COUGH?

No Better!

Then you had better try a bottle of

White Pine Cough Syrup!

It is an excellent preparation for coughs, colds, bronchial catarrh, spasmodic croup, Winter coughs and all diseases of the air passages.

FOR SALE BY
ERNEST A. TRUITT
Graduate in Pharmacy
Middletown, Delaware
Prescriptions a Specialty.

J. B. MESSICK — MIDDLETOWN DELAWARE

A Clearance Sale of Men's and Boys' Clothing that speaks wonders for saving : : : :

$5,000 worth of Clothing at Sacrifice Prices!

Our Dry Goods business has grown to such proportions that we must sacrifice our entire clothing stock in order that we may have more room.

A money-saving opportunity such as this comes but once in years, so you had better supply your present as well as your future clothing needs.

Cost and former selling prices have been forgotten in our determination to effect a quick and decisive clean-up. Remember, all garments are this season's newest and best styles—all wanted colorings, patterns and materials are shown—a chance for you to economize that you cannot afford to overlook.

Men's Suits at about Half Price

Better come in to-day while the sizes and assortments are still complete; while you have the opportunity of the best selections. They come in brown, black, gray and blue; cut on the new three button dip front—four button straight front and in double breasted models; well made and tailored throughout.

Men's	$20.00	Suits	priced	at	$13.50
"	18.00	"	"	"	11.50
"	15.00	"	"	"	10.50
"	10.00	"	"	"	6.85
"	7.50	"	"	"	5.25

Small Lot of Suits

Age 16 to 19 in black, gray and brown. All sizes in this lot and grouped together for quick sale.

$10.00 values . . . $3.95

This lot of Suits are all wool.

An Overcoat at Wholesale Cost

You can make your selections from the various models in the lengths now so much in demand by good dressers. Made of Kerseys, Vicunas and Meltons; well made throughout; lined with serge or Venetian cloth. Splendid Bargains at our regular prices—now here at cost to manufacture.

Men's	$20.00	Overcoats	priced	at	$13.50
"	18.00	"	"	"	11.50
"	15.00	"	"	"	10.50
"	10.00	"	"	"	6.85
"	7.50	"	"	"	5.25

Boys' Long Pants Suit Bargains

They come in sizes for boys from 18 to 20 years old, cut on this season's cleverest models; all the newest colorings and patterns are here for your choosing. Better come now and be assured of your choice.

Boys'	$12.00	Suits	priced	at	$8.75
"	10.00	"	"	"	6.85
"	7.00	"	"	"	5.25

The Boy Needs an Overcoat

and there is no better time to buy it than right now. They are splendidly tailored and durably lined; made of heavy winter weight materials. Easily worth double our low prices.

Boys'	$10.00	Overcoats	priced	$6.85
"	7.50	"	"	5.25
"	4.50	"	"	2.95

Men's Dress Pants Priced Low

You can make your selections from either striped, checked or plain colors; regular or peg top style; some are made with cuffs, others plain. Own an extra pair of pants at little money.

Men's	$5.00	Pants	pair	at	$4.00
"	4.00	"	"	"	3.00
"	3.00	"	"	"	2.00
"	2.00	"	"	"	1.50

Men's Reefers and Reefer Coats

Here men, are savings worth while; savings that you'll be glad to take advantage of. These garments afford excellent protection as well as freedom of action. Better come early to be sure of getting your size; at these low prices they will go in a hurry.

Men's	$10.00	Reefers	priced	at	$6.90
"	5.00	"	"	"	3.50
"	3.00	"	"	"	1.90

Splendid Values in Boys' Reefers

Nothing will afford the boy greater pleasure than to own a reefer, and they are the ideal winter outer garments for the little fellows. Come in double breasted style, large buttons, wide storm collars.

Boys'	$5.50	Reefers	priced	at	$3.95
"	4.00	"	"	"	2.95
"	2.50	"	"	"	1.70

Special Values in Knee Pants Suits

You can make your choice of the Knickerbocker style pants; single or double breasted coat; choice of light or dark colors in various patterns; all sizes 6 to 15.

Boys'	$7.00	Knee	Pants	Suits	at	$4.75
"	5.00	"	"	"	"	3.85
"	3.50	"	"	"	"	2.65
"	3.00	"	"	"	"	1.95

Boys' Knee Pants Suits

Sizes 5 to 14. Small lots in each size. Come in straight pants only.

Regular price $5.00	$2.50	Regular price $4.00	$1.90
Regular price 3.00	1.65	Regular price 2.00	.95

Here's a Line of Odds and Ends Priced Exceptionally Low

Men's White Linen Duck Vests, all sizes, $2.00, $2.50 and $3.00 values marked at our low price $1.00.

Men's Alapaca Waiter's Coats in white or black, all sizes. Regular $3.00 values at $1.50. Regular $2.00 values at $1.00.

Middletown. **J. B. Messick,** Middletown.

"New Joy"

BY ALDIS DUNBAR

I gave you up half an hour ago! pouted Nancy, holding open the coupe door, as Rosalys Haven came flying down the marble steps. You said half past eleven! You know very well how much I have to tell you! To the park, Jasper.

Of course you have my blessing! laughed Rosalys, dropping into the seat beside her friend with frank relief as they rolled away. But I couldn't escape sooner. Such a pother in the committee! I left them still trying to decide whether gray-blue or cream and olive would be better for the breakfast room.

Olive and cream, I should say, with a touch of clear, vivid color here and there, mused Nancy Blundell, the impatient frown vanishing from her forehead. I mean to have mine in— She drew a quick little breath and bit her lip.

O-ho! Already! A slender finger tilted up the wilful chin, as Nancy turned very red. Let me look well at you, after such open confession as that. It does sound serious, on my word! Well you must have known last evening how glad I was to hear the news. You might have worn some of them this morning, Nancy. He ought not to be jealous.

I? Wear what? with a puzzled inflection.

Nancy Blundell! Tell me, if you dare, that nothing reached you from me, about seven, last evening!

Something certainly did come, with your name on the cover! asserted Miss Blundell, bending down to drag an oblong pasteboard box—a florist's box, by the printed label—from under the seat, and struggling with the knotted cord around it. I brought it, so you could tell me what on earth it meant! There!

She tore off the cover and pulled out—a boy's coat, somewhat worn, of brown corduroy. Other garments lay folded beneath.

Miss Haven leaned over with a cry of dismay.

Nancy! Why, it's that suit of Corny's! Mother had packed it yesterday to send to a ragged boy down in Meekin Court, where Miss Cone lives! How did it ever reach you? O my dear—when I spent hours hunting the town over for that armful of lilies and lilacs, because you loved them so!

Lilies of the valley and white lilacs? demanded Miss Blundell, pulling vehemently at a silken cord. Jasper! Stop! How were they sent? She turned to her friend.

Baker promised to take them without fail before dinner. Mother had some errands for him, too. She was letting Audrey help her when I went into the library. They were addressing some books for him to take to Aunt Charlotte, and a sheaf of carnations for Madame Vandit. I didn't hear the other places, but I left my—your box, I mean, on the table with the rest, and told Barker where it was. The address was on a card tied to it.

Then Audrey mixed them up! fumed Nancy. Children are too meddlesome. All my lovely flowers gone astray! Rosalys, I must have them, if I raid every house on the avenue! Your mother will tell us where they might have gone, and we'll try every place on her list! Oh, they would have come first of all the congratulations on my engagement, and the dearest! No one but—Teddy should have had the shadow of a glimpse of them! Drive to Mrs.—

One moment, Nan! interrupted Rosalys. These, crushing the despised corduroys into their box, should have gone to Meekin Court this morning. Miss Achsah told mother that the boy had only tatters and patches to cover him. The society found him a home out West, and he was to be sent on with some other poor little waifs, in charge of their agents, this afternoon; but they had no clothes to fit him. and mother offered to supply some. Nancy, it's twelve o'clock, and here's the suit! Please! Meekin Court isn't so far. Then I'll go anywhere you choose.

Miss Blundell shook her pretty head stubornly. My flowers before everything! The boy can go some other day!

Very well. I'll get out and take the next car into town, averred Rosalys, with equal determination. Patsy must have his suit in time.

O Rosalys! Nancy looked at her blankly. I thought you—you cared for me!

I do! You know I do, Nan, darling! But— She prepared to step out. Miss Blundell caught her back and jerked the cord again.

Meekin Court, Jasper! Drive as fast as you can! You don't know where it is?

Off Hooper street, explained Rosalys. You're not angry with me, are you, Nancy? as the coupe whirled round and off at a rapid pace.

But Miss Blundell sat back in her corner without replying, and looked obstinately out of the window as they rolled farther and farther from her flowers.

Not until they had left the paved business section for the cobblestones of Hopper street did she ask, indifferently;

Who is your woman?

Miss Achsah Cone. A queer, withered up old maid who does plain sewing for mother sometimes. She's pitifully poor, I'm afraid, but the neatest worker. You'll come with me, Nancy?

I don't care for slumming, as the carriage stopped, and Jasper, disapproval of the locality in every seam and button of his livery, opened the door to say, I can't go any further, Miss Blundell.

Rosalys gave her one appealing glance as the unlucky box was lifted out. It is awfully poor, but not quite a slum.

Oh, I suppose I must! You'll stay an hour if I don't come! scolded Nancy, under her breath, following with an ill grace as Miss Haven, in her gown of pale gray, delicate lace with a suggestion of green leaves about her neck, passed through a brick archway into Meekin Court, a dark shaft among crowding tenements.

Nancy caught her own dainty skirts close about her as they entered the door of the tallest and dingiest rookery, and Rosalys Haven led the way up the narrow, rickety staircase. Queer, foreign-looking heads were thrust from half open doors as they passed; and on the second landing, as the two girls paused to take breath, a file of ragged urchins, with big, wondering black eyes, stood in a solemn row against the wall to let them pass.

That in the soft color is mine, whispered one, putting out a hand toward Rosalys, then drawing it shyly back.

No! It is the signorina in red I choose, returned a sober atom. Ah, bellissima!

But Nancy Blundell hardened her heart. What did she care for the wretched ragamuffins?

At the top of the third flight only a single gleam straying through the crack in a door panel revealed some one crouching on the floor. Nancy, startled by the sound of quick, sobbing breaths, would have turned and fled, but Rosalys spoke at once:

Miss Cone's door is here.

With a gasped word, the dark figure sprang up, away from them. Rosalys took one step forward, when Nancy caught her arm.

Rosalys Haven! Do you notice anything? In the air?

Notice what? Why—why, Nancy! She gave a hasty wrap at the door. Let me speak to her! she warned.

Into the gloom of the passageway came a sudden stream of light and rich perfume. Half dazzed for an instant, the two girls could scacely make out the tiny, worn figure that stood before them, fairly trembling with eagerness to speak.

Miss Haven! The'—the' ain't no words to tell! You—you never could know what it's been! But there! I'm lettin' you stand in the hall! You can come inside for just a minute, can't you? I'll take your bundle. Do sit down after climbin' up them stairs!

It's the suit for Patsy Whalen, explained Rosalys, as they obeyed, half mechanically.

Then would you mind if I ran right down with it? He's that fidgety; for fear twasn't comin'! But there! He never havin' had anythin' decent before, one oughtn't to blame him. *I* told him Mis' Haven never forgot anythin' she said she'd do in all the years I've done plain sewin' for her! And to think of your comin' with it yourself! I'll be right up again.

It is as well that I did give in and bring you here began, Nancy, when they were alone, with defiance in her voice.

She would not meet Rosalys' imploring look, but let her eyes wander round the bare garret room with the sloping roof and two gable windows that let golden sunshine in on rough board partitions, the strip of faded ingrain carpet that crossed the uneven floor, and the glory of white, scented bloom that was everywhere—in tin cups, in cracked glasses, in blue, green and red jugs, on table, sewing machine, shelves. Even on the little iron stove, in which was no fire to temper the chill air, stood a pitcher with a blossoming branch.

She must have known that it was a mistake, went on Miss Blundell. Such flowers in a place like this, resentfully. You get her explanation, and then I'll have a few words with her.

Nancy! Could you, to-day?

That's just it. It's my day. Those are my flowers, that I might never have seen at all. It's intolerable. Say what you like to her, Rosalys, but afterward—

There fell ominous silence between the two, as Miss Achsah's labored steps on the stairway became audible.

'Tis a climb, she confessed, beaming at her guests with actual radiance in her sallow, wrinkled little face, as she perched on the edge of a low chair. But when you do get up here there's sun; and to-day there's these, touching a lilac spray with loving finger tips. If you could have been here last night, Miss Haven. Why, I never saw anything like it. You won't mind that I gave some away? depreeatingly. I s'posed 'twas the clothes for Patsy, but when I open the box—I couldn't think 'twas true. There ain't any one can guess how starved I get for a bit of bloom. Oh, there's Renzo, as she answered a faint tap at the door.

Rosalys stole a glance at her friend, but the eyes fixed on the white lilacs were openly mutinous.

It's my dinner, apologized Miss Cone, setting a plate on the table. I couldn't stand any smell of cookin' round, let alone havin' a fire that'd wilt them. I ain't cold. So Mis' Doni, she fried it and sent it up. Ettory's pretty sick, and I gave her some of the lilies to hearten him up. Land. Seemed like he'd eat 'em. An' the Matzky baby—'twas a poor little thing, nothin' but the merest skin and bone, but she went on dredful when—when 'twas took yesterday. Havin' the flowers lyin' over it kind of eased it for her, poor thing. There's a lot of comfort in a posy when you're in trouble.

But your dinner is getting cold, Miss Achsah. Rosalys moved as if to go.

Time enough, smiled Miss Cone. There was more I wanted to tell you, if havin' the Doni youngsters, Beppo an' Pia an Marco an' Sp'ranza, peepin' in all mornin' hadn't flustered me. They can't get done lookin.' Nor some others, that needn't be talked about, poor souls. I tell you, Miss Haven, when I saw what you'd writ inside, New joy to you, from Rosalys, I just cried. There was never a truer word. There's been a new joy, lingering over the words, for all that's been nigh 'em since they came.

And if you'd seen little Thyra Persen. Her folks, round on Hopper street, were mad with her for wantin' to marry Teddy Hamilton, that's a nice, decent, hard working boy, if he is poor. Thyra'd told me her aunt, downstairs, was going to let 'em get married in her room last evening, but her folks wouldn't do a thing to make it nice. My, Miss Haven, when the flowers came from you, I just ran. We had 'em all down there—sweetening the whole room—and some for Thyra's little white dress, that had been washed almost to nothing, and some for Teddy's buttonhole, and we tied some into a a wreath for her hair. She has pretty yellow hair, Miss Haven. Why, it made all the difference between just getting married and a real beautiful wedding, that she'll always remember.

Oh. cried Nancy Bluddell, her bright eyes wet. I—I'm so glad you had them for her, Miss Achsah.

Whether fowls are to be dressed or shipped alive to poultry markets they should be properly fattened. It is generally agreed that confinement is necessary to obtain the best results. The fowls should be separated into flocks of twenty-five and very little exercise should be encouraged. It is a good plan to darken the windows after each meal that the fowls will seek the roost. Enforced idleness with the proper food supplied will produce the extra weight desired.

Corn meal mixed with water or skim-milk and fed three times a day—all the fowls will eat up clean—is the best fattening diet yet prescribed. It may be fed warm in cold weather and cold in hot weather. A supply of water should always be provided.

WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, D C. January 8th, 1910.

EX-PRESIDENT Roosevelt has finally decided to make the address which custom dictates must be made by the recipient of a Nobel peace prize. Mr. Roosevelt has until recently stoutly resisted all efforts to induce him to comply with this formality and it is probable that even now only his regard for Senator Root has induced him to abandon his determination to disregard the custom. Andrew Carnegie has nominated Mr. Root as a proper recipient of the prize and some of the trustees were so sensitive because Mr. Roosevelt had declined to comply with the custom that they advised a friend of the former President that if he persisted in his declination there would be no chance of the prize being conferred on another American. When Mr. Roosevelt learned that his reluctance might result in depriving his former Secretary of State of this honor he reconsidered his determination and while again expressing his reluctance to appear before the footlights he has instructed a personal friend to inform the Nobel trustees that he has reconsidered and has asked that the necessary arrangements be made for the delivery of an address at Christiana about the time of his visit to Berlin.

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That President Taft is still convinced of the necessity of a public loan of probably $30,000,000 to complete the irrigation projects now under way is asserted by those who have recently discussed the subject with him. There will be, unquestionably, considerable opposition to this program but it will be heartily endorsed by the committee on Irrigation which visited the various projects during the summer. It has also been recommended by Secretary Ballinger and will be favored by most of the Senators and Representatives in whose states the projects are located,

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The Secretary of the Treasury has struck a responsive chord in the breasts of all of his colleagues by the suggestion that Congress should authorize members of the Cabinet to designate a secretary to sign for them the mass of routine papers which occupies so much time and is exceedingly irksome. The story about the Secretary who once inquired the contents of a paper presented for his signature and was told by his negro messenger "to just put his name at the bottom, that was all he need do" while possibly a slight exaggeration is founded on fact. There are few members of the Cabinet who have any adequate idea of the contents of documents to which they attach their signatures. They are compelled by the great number of these papers to rely almost entirely on subordinates to whom their preparation is entrusted and there seems to be no good reason why a "signing secretary" should not be appointed.

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One of the most difficult phases of the negotiations growing out of the maximum and minimum section of the tariff law which confronts the Tariff board and the Department of State concerns the so-called sanitary inspection by Germany of American food products. Germany has always insisted on a system of rigid inspection especially of American meats which system has been regarded by the authorities of this government as a form of protection. Indeed the first steps taken by this government toward inspection of livestock and meats were instituted with a view to counteracting the course of Germany. Germany citizens were believed to be unalterably opposed to a heavy tariff on food products but so rigid were the sanitary laws that they seriously interfered with the importation of American products. American inspection resulted in some modification of the German laws but not sufficient to satisfy American livestock raisers and there is a disposition on the part of the Tariff board to regard the existing regulations at German ports as undue discrimination. The situation is taxing the diplomatic abilities of the German Ambassador and the State Department to the utmost.

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Representative Paul Howland has impressed upon the Rules committee of the House the necessity for immediate action on his resolution calling for an investigation of the conditions which are responsible for the increased cost of living. The committee was in a receptive frame of mind and, although no assurances were given to Mr. Howland, it is known that Speaker Cannon and his associates contemplate some action to determine the cause of the present high prices. Mr. Howland pointed out that the increased cost of living is an evil which affects the entire country and is not a party question. He declared that it is the duty of a Republican Congress to inquire into the facts and to alleviate the situation after the facts have been established. He also asserted that it would be a serious mistake for the party to go before the country in the coming congressional elections without having done its utmost to reduce the expenses of the masses.

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One of the most indispensible men connected with the House of Representatives is Asher Hinds of Maine, the Speaker's parliamentary clerk. As soon as the House convenes every morning Mr. Hinds takes his place at the Speaker's desk and he never leaves that post until the House has adjourned at night. His duty is to prompt the Speaker whenever Mr. Cannon is in doubt and to decide all parliamentary questions which may arise. So important to the successful transaction of business is Mr. Hinds considered that even though he is a candidate for Congress it is not likely that he will be able to leave his post to make an active campaign. He is an aspirant for the seat of Representative Amos Allen of the First Maine District. His opponent is Colonel Frederick Hale, son of Senator Hale. Mr. Hinds' friends may insist that he return to his home some time for the convening of the nominating convention but they are at a loss to suggest some one to perfrom his duties while he is away as there are few men in the country who would care to assume his responsibilities.

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STOCKHOLDERS TO VOTE

Minority Committee Makes No Recommendation as to Delaware Railroad

Otho Nowland, chairman of the committee of minority stockholders of the Delaware Railroad, states that his committee has not made any recommendation, whatever, with respect to the acceptance of the reported proposition of the P., B. and W. railroad towards making a perpetual lease of the Delaware railroad and guaranteeing an eight per cent. dividend on the basis of five million one hundred thousand dollars in stock, notwithstanding the fact that a Wilmington paper quoted the committee as recommending a settlement on this basis.

He further states that his committee has referred the matter to the stockholders, whose proxies the committee holds, to be decided by themselves and the committee will, when the time comes, vote the proxies in accordance with the wishes of the stockholders they represent.

The Board of Directors of the Delaware Railroad Company met Monday in Philadelphia and approved of the report of the special committee of the board, and ordered that meetings of the stockholders be called to decide whether the Delaware Railroad shall be leased for a long term to the Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington Railroad Company and whether the stock shall be increased so that simultaneously with the making of the lease a stock dividend of 70 per cent., may be paid, and the necessary action be taken to pay an additional dividend of 20 per cent. in cash.

It will require at least thirty days before the final vote of the stockholders can be taken upon this matter.

BIG AUTOMOBILE SHOW

The visitors to a big Automobile Show evidently feel that preparing such an affair was a work of tremendous proportions, and so it is, but so well has the work been systemized by the Show Committee of the Automobile Trade Association of Philadelphia that it seems to be a very simple matter.

Although some time off as yet everything is in readiness for the display in the Third Regiment Armory, Philadelphia, which is sure to be the finest and best affair of its kind ever held in the Quaker City.

The plans for the Show have all been drawn up, contracts let for the decorating and the Manager could move his office right into the big drilling rooms at an hours notice.

Forty-seven different manufacturers of gasoline automobiles will be represented the first week of the Show, which opens on January 15th, and they will have on the big Armory floor about one hundred and fifty automobiles of the finest manufacture ever turned out in America, and comparing in every way with the best European designs. Their value will be close up to a half a million dollars, and the display will be worthy of a visit by all who are interested in motoring and that means almost every one down to the humblest citizen.

When the clocks strikes eleven on Saturday, January 22d, workmen in force will invade the big building and in a few hours the show will be dismantled and within twenty-four hours an entirely different automobile show will take its place. The second week will be devoted to the manufacture of gasolene cars who could not find space during the first week, the makers of electric cars, commercial vehicles, tires, accessories and last but by no means least, a number of old fashioned gas balloons, the new style of dirgible balloons, areoplanes and other models of heavier than air flying machines. The second week of the show will be unique in many respects, and it is safe to say that no more interesting exhibition has been held in this part of the country since the first automobiles were made.

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS
—OF—
St. Georges Hundred!

The taxable residents of St. Georges Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1909 are now due, and the undersigned, administrator or John W. Denny, deceased, Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be at

MASSEY'S HOTEL, IN ODESSA,
WEDNESDAY, JAN. 19, 1910
From 11 to 2 P. M.

AT HENRY CLEAVER'S STORE, IN PORT PENN,
WEDNESDAY, JAN. 26th, 1910
From 11 to 2 P. M.

and at my residence, Crawford street, Middletown, Del, every Saturday, afternoon from 1 P. M., to 4 P. M.

Tax bills can be obtained by making personal application to the Collector or by sending written communication, enclosing stamps.

EXTRACT FROM THE LAWS OF DELAWARE, GOVERNING THE COLLECTION OF TAXES OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY, SECTION 3, CHAPTER 30, VOLUME 21, LAWS OF DELAWARE, AS AMENDED:

Section 3—That on all taxes paid before the first day of October there shall be an abatement of five per centum. On all taxes paid before the first day of December there shall be an abatement of three per centum. On all taxes paid during the month of December there shall be no abatement whatever. And on all taxes unpaid on the first day of January five per centum thereof shall be added thereto.

JOHN E. DENNY,
Administrator for John W. Denny, deceased, Collector of Taxes for St. Georges Hundred.

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS
—OF—
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The taxable residents of Appoquinimink Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1909 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be

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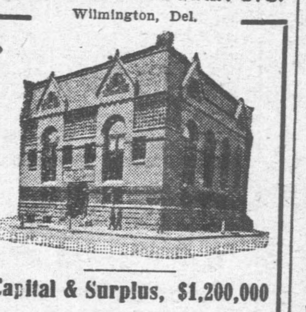

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From 1 to 3 P. M.

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